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6 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
7 **FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**
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9 Greenwich Investment Management
10 Incorporated,

No. CV-22-00129-PHX-MTL

11 Plaintiff,

ORDER

12 v.

13 Aegis Capital Corporation, et al.,

14 Defendants.

15 Before the Court is Plaintiff Greenwich Investment Management, Inc.’s Motion to
16 Withdraw as Counsel (Doc. 121). Therein, Attorneys Valeri S. Pappas, Michael
17 Murray, and Jennifer A Tiedeken of the law firm of Davis & Ceriani, P.C. and Michael
18 and Matthew LaVelle of the law firm LaVelle & LaVelle, PLC (collectively, “Counsel”) request leave to withdraw as counsel for Plaintiff. (*Id.* at 1-2.) They ask that the Court
19 provide 60 days to Plaintiff to secure new lawyers. Defendants do not object to the
20 Motion. (Doc. 122.)

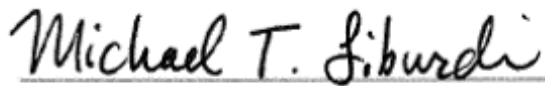
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22 Granting the Motion could leave Plaintiff unrepresented if, after 60 days, new
23 counsel is not retained. Because Plaintiff is a corporation, it cannot represent itself while it
24 awaits new counsel. *Reading Intern., Inc. v. Malulani Grp., Ltd.*, 814 F.3d 1046, 1053 (9th
25 Cir. 2016) (“A corporation must be represented by counsel.”) The Court will not place
26 Plaintiff in such a position. If Counsel wishes to withdraw, it must first secure substitute
27 counsel. Thus, the Court will deny Plaintiff’s Motion without prejudice while Counsel
28 attempts to do so. During that period, however, Counsel remains responsible for Plaintiff’s

1 representation in this matter. To that end, the Court will continue to enforce deadlines.

2 Accordingly,

3 **IT IS ORDERED denying** Plaintiff's Motion (Doc. 121) without prejudice.

4 Dated this 26th day of October, 2023.

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7 Michael T. Liburdi
8 United States District Judge
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